

May 19, 2004

Darrell Steinberg, Chair  
Assembly Appropriations Committee  
Capitol Building #2114  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Via Fax: (916) 319-2181**

Attn: Mary Ader, Consultant, Assembly Appropriations Committee

Dear Ms. Ader:

RE: **OPPOSITION TO AB 2406 (Bermudez). Fire Safety**  
Hearing: Assembly Appropriations on May 19, 2004

I am writing this letter to express the City of Santa Barbara's opposition to AB 2406, a bill sponsored by the California Professional Firefighters (CPF) to take away local control with regard to how fire stations are staffed. The bill would mandate service delivery times and performance objectives for every fire department in a city and county with a population over 10,000.

The City of Santa Barbara opposes this bill because it will establish community service levels without local input. The City of Santa Barbara is protected by 7 Fire Stations within a 23 square mile area and meets requirements set forth by NFPA 1710 as a comparison.

Therefore, the City of Santa Barbara **opposes** AB 2406 as it would establish a one size fits all policy for fire departments.

Sincerely,

Marty Blum  
Mayor

cc: Assembly Member Rudy Bermudez  
Assembly Member Hannah-Beth Jackson  
Senator Tom McClintock  
Members of the Assembly Appropriations Committee  
Natasha Fooman, Legislative Representative, League of California Cities  
James L. Armstrong, City Administrator  
Warner R. McGrew, Fire Chief  
Don Olson, City Special Projects Manager  
Council Members